JFK-King Unit Funds Doubtful

1/7/77

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders said yesterday they doubt the committee investigating the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King will get the $6.5 million first-year budget it wants.

Republican Leader John J. Rhodes said he expects that figure to be cut and Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill indicated at his first news briefing that its approval is doubtful.

Asked about complaints some congressmen have voiced about the proposed $6.5-million budget, O'Neill replied, "I'm not going to comment on something that may not happen."

Democratic Leader Jim Wright told the House earlier this week he was concerned about the high cost estimate.

The committee's prospective chairman, Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., refused to back off the $6.5 million estimate, but said that he'll take what he can get. Pgh. Post Gazette